



# Oakview Elementary School PTA

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### Principal's Report **Dr. Phillip Reavis, Principal**



#### Year in Review

I wish to extend a sincere thanks to faculty/staff members, parents, community members, and other district employees who have contributed so much to make the 2010-2011 school year a tremendous success! Oakview Elementary School continues to set itself apart as a leader in the district, state, and nation as we work together for the children we serve. The school received its tenth consecutive *Palmetto Gold Award* and was recognized with a *Silver Award for Closing the Gap* for minority students. PTA spent countless hours supporting the school and received numerous awards from the SC PTA again this year. The faculty, staff and PTA worked together to organize successful programs such as *Grandparents Day* and *Fossil Fun Day!* This year, students used new wireless handheld response devices, made available through PTA fundraising, to interact with their classroom Promethean board. Oakview was recognized as a *Safe*

*Kids Schools* for the sixth consecutive year. These accomplishments could only happen through the joint efforts of everyone at the school! Thank you *all!*

#### Teacher Assignments for 2011-2012

Letters requesting a certain teacher for next year are not accepted. We ask that parents allow the school staff to make professional judgments with respect to student placements. Letters containing the following information will immediately be discarded: **1)** naming a teacher, **2)** requesting an experienced teacher or a new teacher, and **3)** requesting that certain students be in the same/different classes (with the exception of twins, triplets, etc.) Thank you for supporting the process of teacher assignments as we work with the many students here at Oakview Elementary School.

#### Summer Camp 2011!

Students ages six through twelve are invited to participate in *Oakview Summer Camp* here at Oakview Elementary! *Community*

*Education*, a division of *Life Long Learning of Greenville County Schools*, and Oakview Elementary are proud to offer different camp options during the weeks of June 6 and 13. Camp sessions are 9:00am-12:00pm Monday through Thursday. The cost is \$90 per camp session (additional materials fees may apply). You won't want to miss out on the many opportunities at *Summer Camp 2011!* Register at the school office or call **Grace Pascuiti** at Community Education at 355-6059. Information can also be found on the school district web site at:

[www.greenville.k12.sc.us/oakview](http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/oakview).

First come, first served!

#### Summer Office Hours/Registration

We will keep summer office hours from 7:30 am to 5:00pm. Monday through Thursday. We are closed on Fridays. If you or someone you know needs to register a student for next year, please come by as soon as possible! Information regarding registration can be found on our web site.

### President's Corner **Renee Akey, PTA President**



I can't believe summer break is almost here. I hope you and your children have enjoyed all the programs and activities that were offered at Oakview this year.

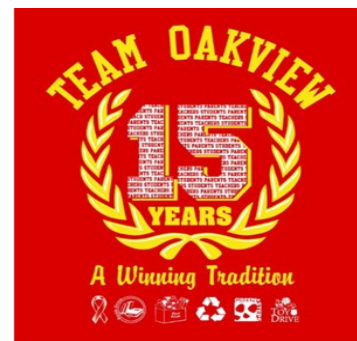
Of course, these programs would not be possible without the support of the families at Oakview. This has been a successful year at Oakview due to the hard work of all the volunteers helping with both programs and fundraisers. We were able to achieve our goal of purchasing *ActivExpression* for some of our classrooms, updating computers, supplying the supplies needed to keep our technology current and operative. We were able help with copier expenses, mini-grants and still provide great activities

to enrich our children's lives and well as help our teachers in the classrooms.

We still have a couple of activities left this year. *Field Days* are coming up; check out the Oakview calendar for your child's field day. We also have *Fifth Grade Day*, were special activities are planned to make sure this day is just about our fifth graders.

I would like to send out a special thank you and goodbye to parents/volunteers who have consistently volunteered throughout the years at Oakview and who were on the board, that are leaving Oakview after this year- **Ann Ward, Liz Acker, Robyn Kirkpatrick, and Michelle McCullough.**

Thank you to the PTA Board and Committees, volunteers, parents, teachers, staff, and administration, for making this such a great year. I enjoyed being your PTA President and I hope you have safe and happy summer.



## Ways and Means Michelle Inzerillo and Judy Parker, Co-chairs

This has been a truly busy and wonderful year here at Oakview. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA members that volunteered for our *Fundraising Committees* and made them so successful.

I would also like to say thank you to all the families that have volunteered and gave

their time and donations throughout the year. Without all of you, our fundraising efforts would not have been nearly as successful as they were. We do this for our children, and we do this together!

As this year ends, I would like to welcome all our new PTA members for the upcoming

school year and also welcome my new co-chair Melissa Pair. Have a safe and happy summer, and we will see you in August!



## Legislative Updates Karen Akerhielm, Chair

It's hard to believe the school year is almost over. The PTA Legislative Committee would like to thank the Oakview community for their support this year for the candidate forum we held in November, and the positive

response to the information provided in this column. If you would like to serve on the Committee for the 2011-12 academic year, please contact me at [Karenmti@aol.com](mailto:Karenmti@aol.com). Our goals for the next year include hosting

Representative **Phyllis Henderson** and **Senator Phillip Shoopman** at Oakview for parent forums on educational issues.

## Volunteers Jennifer Cook and Nicole Westmoreland, Co-Chairs

Thank you to the many volunteers at Oakview! Together we have made a difference in our children's education. We especially want to thank those veteran volunteers, some who will not be at Oakview next year. Thank you for seizing the opportunity to be in your children's classrooms. We hope you enjoyed every minute of it! We also want to thank our new volunteers who just spent their first year at Oakview. Always remember that your volunteer work directly contributes to a school and to the children, who most certainly will continue to be recognized

for high achievement far into the future.

We would like to recognize our 2010-2011 Grade Level Coordinators: **Kimberly Masters, Jennifer Pestrak, Maggie Taylor, Kim Cotty, Tracie Dowis, Melanie Vaness** and **Paige Dillon**. A special note of gratitude also goes out to our tremendous team of *Room Coordinators*. Your leadership and involvement made a true difference this year. We thank you for the countless hours that you and your classes contributed to our teachers and children.

Thank you also to our teacher volunteers who hosted a wonderful *Volunteer Breakfast*. We thank the *Hospitality Committee, Room Coordinators* and parents for recognizing all of Oakview's faculty during *Teacher Appreciation Week*. It was a special week dedicated to those who wholeheartedly embrace our children's learning. We are looking forward to a wonderful 2011-2012 school year!



## Box Tops Christi Yenser, Coordinator

Thank you to everyone who sent in *Box Tops* this year. We had a very successful campaign. The program earned over \$3,100 for Oakview. Please remember to clip your *Box Tops* over the summer. We will be collecting them again next year and will kick off the 2011-2012 school year with the *Box Tops Blitz*.

Thanks so much for your support!



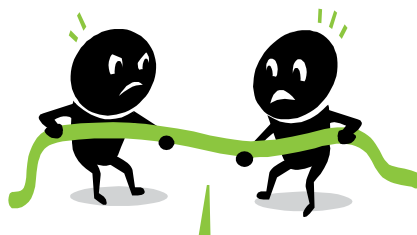
## Field Days Jennifer Miller and Kenny Hall, Coordinators

Field Day is quickly approaching. We are asking for volunteers to help with this year's event. We will need your help from **8:00am to 11:00am**. Feel free to volunteer for one day, two days, or all three! The dates are as follows:

**Tuesday, May 31** (Kindergarten and First)

**Wednesday, June 1** (Second and Third)

**Thursday, June 2** (Fourth and Fifth)



This is Oakview's largest volunteer event, and we appreciate all the help you can give. If you would like to volunteer for this fun event please contact: **Tracy Passmore** at [tracy@passmore4.com](mailto:tracy@passmore4.com). We look forward to another great year of Field Days!

## Environmental and Science News

Kathy Miller, Clare Wood, Clare Laje and Betsy Shuler

### Science News

As we close the 2010 – 2011 school year, it is easy to look around and see the wonderful evidence of the commitment that the students, parent volunteers, and staff make to ensuring that Oakview is a beautiful and environmentally proactive school. The butterfly garden is in bloom, the caterpillars are eating their milkweed, popcorn will be planted next week in the *SC Garden*, the students are engaged, and resources are being conserved and recycled! Thanks to all of you who have made this year a success!



Looking back, this year we have not only maintained our recycling programs, but we have made some improvements. We have reduced the volunteer hours required to recycle plastic bottles, and we have begun recycling metal cans from the cafeteria. We also have an attractive brand new recycling bin for the lunch room. We are now *upcycling* juice pouches and receiving revenue in

exchange. The *Breathe Better Air* campaign continues, wherein Oakview parents are making decisions to not idle their cars in carpool lines, parking lots, and taking other steps to reduce the amount of air pollution from their cars. Thank you, thank you for all that you are doing to improve our school and educate our students!

As we approach this summer, there are many ways you can continue to contribute to our science and environment learning programs. We need three volunteers per week to help maintain the *Butterfly Garden*, as well as three volunteers weekly for the *SC Garden*. Sign up sheets are located in the Lobby. Mrs. Miller will be communicating with volunteers on specific requirements throughout the summer.



This summer, collect juice pouches and bring them to Oakview at the beginning of the year. To do this, squeeze excess juice

from the pouches, flatten them, and store in a closed Ziploc bag. Be sure to follow these steps to keep odors and bugs away. We will collect juice pouches at the beginning of the school year.



Finally, as part of SC DHEC's *Breathe Better Air* and Greenville County's *Spare the Air* campaign, you can help our community and specifically help reduce pollution that causes asthma. You can do this by reducing the amount of gasoline and electricity and by composting or taking your yard waste to a Greenville County Convenience Center instead of burning it. Rather than idling your car when waiting for children in pickup lines or during activities, turn your car off and take a walk or go into an air conditioned building. Turn off lights, TV, and computers when not in use. Carpool when possible.

Thank you for your help in making Oakview a wonderful place to learn!

## Calendar of Events

### May

- May 2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 9-13 PASS Testing
- May 9 SIC Meeting
- May 10 Formano's Restaurant Night
- May 17 Chic-fil-A Night
- May 26 Fifth Grade Day
- May 27 Yearbook Day
- May 30 Memorial Day—No School for Students
- May 31 Half Day - Field Day K5 & 1st Grades

### June

- June 1 Half Day - Field Day 2nd & 3rd Grades
- June 2 Half Day - Field Day 4th & 5th Grades

## School Information

### Oakview Elementary School PTA

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Find State PTA information at: [www.scpta.org](http://www.scpta.org)  
Find National PTA information at: [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)

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